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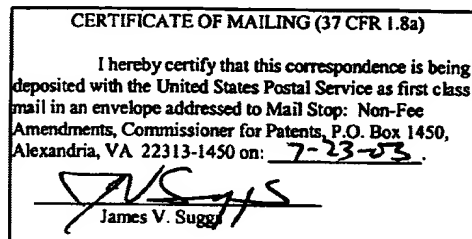
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Title : DIRECT WRITING OF OPTICAL DEVICES IN SILICA-BASED GLASS USING FEMTOSECOND PULSE LASERS

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action dated 7/7/03, designated as Paper No. 7 in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement identifying the following groups of claims as being drawn to potentially distinct inventions:

- Group I. Claims 1-23, 42 and 52-59, drawn to a method of writing a light guiding structure using soft silica based material, classified in class 430, subclass 321.
- Group II. Claims 24-40, drawn to a method of writing a light guiding structure using hard doped silica based material, classified in class 430, subclass 321;
- Group III. Claim 41, drawn to a method of writing a light guiding structure using a silica based material made by a flame hydrolysis process, classified in class 430, subclass 198; and
- Group IV. Claims 43-51 and 60, drawn to a method of making a 3-D internal tunnel structure, classified in class 430, subclass 322.

The Examiner asserted that these inventions may be regarded as independent and distinct from one another because they are unrelated. Applicant hereby elects group I, claims 1-23, 42 and 52-59, without traverse.

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Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicant be in error, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

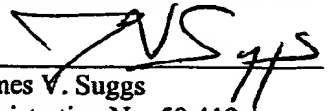
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James V. Suggs

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before substantive examination of the present application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the complete listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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